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THE DAWN OF SPRING.

When soon the Violet lifts her head
And dons her velvet hood;
When little birds return and sing,
To tell that God is good;
When pale green leaves break forth upon
The branches bare and brown,
And silvery rain, to woo the earth
Is from the sky sent down;—
Then life looks up and smiles again,
And wipes away her tears;
To music from the woodland bard,
She lends enraptured ears;
Upon the beauty of the world
She feasts delighted eyes;
And sings a song of praise to God,
Of love and joy we prize.

Hailey, Idaho.

Ada M. Love.

ESCHSCHOLTZIA.

BELONG-
ing to the
P o p p y
family we
have a genus of
plants named
Eschscholtzia,
but commonly
called California
Poppy, because
it is profusely
found growing
wild in California,
and is the
adopted State-
flower of that
State. There
are several spe-
cies, differing
but little in foli-
age and flower,
and some botan-
ists are inclined
to believe they
are but varieties
of one natural
species. The
foliage is mostly
deeply laciniat-
ed and of a glau-
cus-green color,
while the flowers
are generally of
some shade of
yellow, though
varieties are
now found bear-
ing white, red

and variously striped and marked petals. The plants are dwarf and tufted, usually less than a foot high, and are generally in bloom for several weeks. They make a handsome border or edging.

This hardy annual is of easy culture, and thrives in any sunny situation. The seeds should be sown during August or September, just as you would sow the common Poppy, allowing the plants to remain undisturbed, as they are difficult to transplant. Sow in rows a foot apart, and thin the plants till they stand several inches apart, to prevent crowd-
ing. Keep well cultivated, and they will soon cover the ground, and become a golden mass of bloom. Fall-sown plants will endure the

winter and bloom early the next season before hot weather comes, and, hence, the flowers are large, handsome, and remain longer in bloom than during the hot months. If more convenient, however, seeds may be sown as early as the ground can be worked in the spring. Plants thus started will bloom later, and if the season is favorable will make a very creditable display. A bed or border of the varieties in mixture is always attractive, and elicits much admiration and praise when in full bloom.

The genus was named in honor of J. F. Eschscholtz, M. D.



CALIFORNIA POPPY.

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Rex Begonia.—Mrs. Lewis, of North Dakota, sends a leaf which is evidently of Rex Begonia. This plant will bloom, but it is



REX BEGONIA.

grown mostly for its beautiful foliage. It likes a very porous, loose soil, and good drainage. The scrapings of garden walks, and the weeds and garden rubbish placed in a pile during the summer make a compost that

is well suited for these as well as other Begonias. Partial shade and a rather cool, moist atmosphere in summer develop the finest plants. Propagation is mostly effected from leaves.

Geranium Buds Blighting.—When Geranium buds fail to develop their buds, it is generally due to an unhealthy condition of the roots, caused by injudicious watering, or lack of drainage. It is also caused by the application of strong liquid fertilizers, and by allowing the hot sun to shine against the sides of the pot. When Geraniums are thus affected, take them out of the pot, remove the soil, and re-pot in fresh, porous soil, with good drainage. This will mostly overcome the trouble.

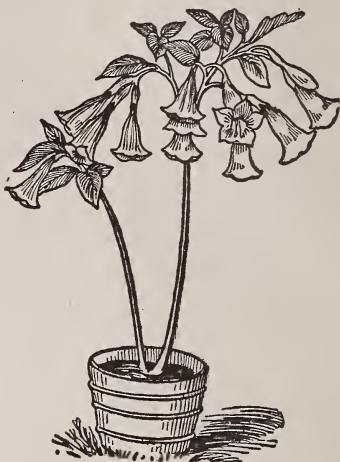
Starting Magnolias.—These can be started from seeds sown before they become dry and hard, the time of germination varying from three months to as many years, according to the condition of the seeds. In buying Magnolia plants it is well to get potted ones or those packed with the ball of earth intact, so that the roots may not become dry. Transplanted carelessly they are not likely to start.

Calystegia pubescens fl. pl.—

This is a vine bearing handsome flesh-colored double flowers, appearing at some distance as double roses. It does well in a rich clay soil, and will mostly take care of itself when once established. It thrives in a sunny place, and where the grass is not allowed to encroach upon it too freely.

BRUGMANSIA SUAVEOLENS.

THIS IS a rather tender shrub, but does well at the North bedded out in a partially shaded place in summer. It should be potted in autumn and kept in a frost-proof room. It blooms freely outdoors in summer, and in the greenhouse it blooms almost continuously. A large plant



BRUGMANSIA SUAVEOLENS.

in the editor's greenhouse is, at this writing, full of big fragrant flowers. It is readily raised from cuttings, and the plant blooms when quite small. The seeds do not germinate well. In Florida the plants are desirable for the yard or lawn.

Achimene.—A sister at Wolcott, New York, sends for naming a leaf of a plant with the following description: "A house-plant, blooms in summer, bearing showy purple flowers, dies down in autumn, and must be kept in a dry, warm place till spring, when it must be repotted. Each plant produces a number of small bulbs, and each bulb will develop a blooming plant. No person here seems to know what it is." The leaf, as well as the description indicates that the plant is the Purple-flowered Achimene.

Poinsettia.—Plants of Poinsettia pulcherrima are easily propagated from seeds. Propagation can also be effected by taking heel cuttings and inserting in sand. After Poinsettia blooms, it remains semi-dormant for a while, and the long, straggling branches should be cut back. When it becomes active, new branches will shoot out from the basal buds.

Roses in the House.—In the house Roses are subject to mildew and insects. The former can be kept down by syringing with warm salt water occasionally, and the latter by syringing with hot tobacco tea. Chopped tobacco stems placed over the soil will enrich the soil and prevent an attack of insects.

THE OLD-FASHIONED SNOWBALL.

THE BEAUTY of the Japan Snowball, *Viburnum plicatum*, together with its vigor and hardiness, and especially its freedom from insects, has caused the old-fashioned Snowball, *Viburnum opulus*, which under good cultivation is really more beautiful than its rival, to be neglected and almost a rarity. I was, therefore very much pleased to get a photograph (here reproduced) from one of my esteemed friends in New York state, showing elegant blooming specimens of the old-fashioned Snowball as they grew in public grounds by the water's edge, near her home. How beautiful they are! The big, chaste-white balls hang in clusters all over the branches, and almost hide the foliage, while the graceful, spreading top is a charm in itself.

As a rule the clumps of this Snowball still to be found in old gardens are troubled with a peculiar *Aphis* that winters among the bud-

fective in eradicating the pest, and the experiment is worthy of trial. Aside from the *Aphis* the Old-fashioned Snowball has no enemies, and all the care needed will be to cut away dead and sickly branches, thin out those that crowd, and apply a coat of fertilizer about the roots occasionally. Some of the pruning may be done in the spring, but the best time to prune for a favorable growth and a full and fine display of flowers, is in summer, just after the crop of bloom has faded.

Planting Tuberous Begonias—

Use porous, sandy soil with good drainage. Set the tubers so that the upper half will protrude above the surface, and press the soil around. Water sparingly till growth begins, then more freely, but avoid moistening the crown, as it is liable to cause damping off. Give ventilation, but avoid draughts of air. Shield from wind and hot mid-day sun. The plants do well in pots in an east window in summer, or on a plant stand on the east porch. They also do well in a bed at the east side of



OLD-FASHIONED SNOWBALL.

scales, and begins its depredations as soon as the leaves start to develop, thus causing the foliage to curl, and become distorted and unsightly, as well as ruining the flowers. Situation may have some influence upon this troublesome pest, for I have noticed that where plants grow near to the water they are comparatively clean and healthy, while plants upon high and dry ground are badly infested. My own experience seems to confirm this view, for I have a clump growing near the foot-path by the mill-race, that has not failed to yield a glorious array of the big clustered balls every spring since it became established.

Now that the spraying of orchards is necessary it would be a simple matter to turn the lime and sulphur spray upon the Snowball bush during winter or early spring, thus effectually coating the buds where the *Aphis* hibernates. This would doubtless prove ef-

factive in eradicating the pest, and the experiment is worthy of trial. Aside from the *Aphis* the Old-fashioned Snowball has no enemies, and all the care needed will be to cut away dead and sickly branches, thin out those that crowd, and apply a coat of fertilizer about the roots occasionally. Some of the pruning may be done in the spring, but the best time to prune for a favorable growth and a full and fine display of flowers, is in summer, just after the crop of bloom has faded.

Date Palm.—The Date Palm is easily started from seeds, which can be obtained from the fruit. The fruit can be obtained from any grocer. The seeds will germinate in from four to twelve weeks. The plants grow very slowly, requiring several years to develop true leaves. It does well in a well-drained, sandy soil and a sunny situation.

Lemon.—A Seedling Lemon will not bloom for 10 or 12 years or more after it is started. It should be budded or grafted as soon as large enough. The plant likes a rather sandy soil and full sunshine.

SIMPLE HOME ADORNMENT. CULTURE OF CARNATIONS.

THE ENGRAVING herewith presented shows a border of hardy native Ferns, adorned with some blooming stalks of Madonna Lilies and a tall clump of the fern-like Meadow Rue, *Thalictrum adiantifolium*, six feet high, covered with its feathery clusters of bloom. The Palm back of the Rue flowers, and the graceful post-vase, containing a *Dracæna* and some drooping Myrtle, make up almost the only porch display. yet how sweet and attractive and home-like is the effect. We sometimes hear persons complain that they cannot afford to get the plants necessary to decorate their home: but here we have a charming display of foliage and bloom, and at almost no cost, for Ferns and *Thalictrum* are readily obtained on any brook-side or in any ravine, and the Lily-bulbs cost but a few cents at the florist's. If more plants were desired the handsome, hardy, ever-green Japanese vine, *Akebia quinata*, which bears such exquisitely fragrant clusters of bloom in early spring, or even the lovely *Cobæa scandens*, which is readily and quickly raised from seeds, might be added to relieve the nudity of the pillars. The engraving is a half-tone etching made from a photograph sent by Mrs. Trumbull, of Plattsburg, N. Y. Some of the outlines were not sufficiently clear to reproduce well, but the illustration will give some idea of the charm these simple flowers give to the home during the summer season.



CHARMING BUT SIMPLE HOME ADORNMENT.

ALL CARNATIONS are easily raised from seeds sown at any time, and from cuttings made early in spring and inserted in sand, or by layering branches in summer. When started, pot the young plants in small pots, and shift into larger ones as they grow, or bed out in a sunny border, setting them eight or ten inches apart. To encourage a strong, clumpy growth pinch the tops of any stems that shoot up, until autumn. Bedded plants are preferable, and should be potted in a compost of half-rotted

sods, manure and sand, with a little lime inter-mixed. Use 5-inch pots, provide good drainage, and watering moderately until growth begins, then apply water more freely. Chopped tobacco placed over the soil acts as a fertilizer as well as an insecticide. Keep plants in full exposure to the sun, the atmosphere moist, and retain a temperature from 50° to 60° at night and 60° to 70° in daytime. To develop large, handsome flowers remove

all buds in a cluster but the most promising one, and when it begins to fade cut it back with a liberal portion of the stem. By this means fine flowers in continuous supply will be produced. Nearly all Carnations are hardy when thus treated from seeds. Even florist's Carnations will winter safely at the North if sheltered by a board frame. To promote hardiness do not let them exhaust themselves in blooming. As winter approaches cut away the blooming stems, so that it will retain strength to endure the rigor of our northern winters.

A BLOOMING CHERRY-TREE.

WHEN WE consider the beauty of many of the fruit trees in bloom and in fruit, it seems strange that they are not more used for ornament and shade. At Guadalajara, Mexico, I saw rows of the native sour Orange used as shade trees along the side-walk; and at Salt Lake City Pear trees adorned the streets. It is rare, however, to see a Cherry tree by the side-walk, even in villages, where there certainly could be no objection to their use for shade, as they are glorious when in bloom, and almost as attractive when in fruit, while their foliage is retained green and fresh long after the Maple and most other rivals are denuded of foliage. In Germany and Austria most of the public high-ways are adorned and shaded by fruit trees, while the fruit produced is a source of much profit to the land-owner to whom they belong.

At our American homes fruit-trees are often planted for shade as well as fruit, and some are planted for ornament. The double-flowering Peach is one of these, and when in bloom is a glorious tree, making a display that can be seen for miles. A tree of this Peach upon my grounds the past year developed and ripened a lot of twin or double Peaches, two specimens attached, which were of fairly good quality for eating. For shade and fruit, however, the cherry-tree is perhaps the most desirable. It is an admirable sight when in bloom, before the leaves appear; it is even more attractive to some when the tree hangs full of big clusters of ripe cherries; and its deep green foliage, dense and graceful, defying the frosts of autumn almost till the snow flies, recommends it for shade, even though it had no other attractions.

The accompanying engraving shows a Cherry-tree in bloom. The photograph was

sent by Dr. Chas. E. Adams, of Santa Clara, California, who takes a lively interest in flowers and fruits. The picture reminds us of the charms of spring, with its blooming gardens and orchards and meadows, and the cherry blooms are but a harbinger of the feast that will be enjoyed by birds and boys and even older persons when the white of spring-time changes to the rich red or gold of the summer fruit.

Moss Rose Turning Brown.—

The foliage of Moss Roses, as well as other Roses, sometimes turns brown about the time

the flowers develop, thus spoiling the beauty of the bushes. This is mostly due to the work of thrips, leaf-hoppers, and other pests. A light application of lime and sulphur solution applied before the insects become numerous, will be found an effectual remedy. It might be necessary to make a second application in the course of two weeks, but generally one application is sufficient. The solution should be diluted until it barely shows upon the leaves when dry. If put on too strong, it will make them unsightly and prove damaging as well. The use of hot soap-suds applied frequently with a syringe will also be found beneficial in eradicating the pests.



CHERRY TREE IN BLOOM.

Lime Water.—When applying lime water, allow the soil to become almost dry in the pot, and then use the liquid freely until it runs out at drainage hole. Avoid frequent applications of lime water, as it will prove injurious to the plants. Its application is a remedy for sour soil and earth worms.

Variegated Vinca.—This vining plant is well adapted for a shady place, and thrives in a rich, loamy soil, with good drainage. Avoid watering too freely when the plant is inactive.

CARNATIONS.

CARNATIONS are easily started at any time from seeds, in the spring from cuttings, and in the summer from layers.

They thrive in rich, well-drained clay soil, also in sandy soil, if kept moist. In case the soil is charged with acid a dressing of fresh-slacked lime will be found very beneficial. A sunny situation is necessary, and every shoot should be pinched out at first to encourage the plants to stool out and become strong clumps. Avoid watering too freely,



CARNATIONS.

as too much moisture will soon injure the roots and cause the foliage to turn brown and die. Keep the soil well stirred to admit air to the roots. Plants intended for winter blooming should be started in the spring and bedded out in a sunny exposure in May, pinching the flower shoots off throughout the summer as fast as they appear. Pot early in the Autumn in five-inch or six-inch pots, according to size, and gradually introduce them to the room atmosphere and conditions. A sunny window is necessary, and with this good plants and proper care, a fine display of bloom can be depended upon throughout the winter.

A Perennial Border.—A subscriber has a long bed that gets the morning and evening sun and wants to know what perennials to plant to keep up a season's display. She might plant some mixed Tulips promiscuously for early flowers; Iris and Pæonies would continue the display till summer; Perennial Phlox, Hemerocallis, Lilies and Gaillardia grandiflora for summer; Rudbeckia Sullivanti and R. Newmanii for early autumn, and Chrysanthemums and Perennial Asters for late autumn. Some judgment is required in arrangement, but when once started such a collection will hold its own for years.

Japan Snowball.—From Memphis, Tennessee, comes a complaint about the Japan Snowball not blooming. This shrub does well at the north, when given a rich, loamy soil, and thrives in either sun or shade. It is not troubled with plant-lice, which injure the old-fashioned Snowball. In the hot, sunny South the bush would doubtless be benefitted by a good mulching with stable litter during the spring. Any dead or sickly branches remove, and encourage a free growth in summer, as the flowers are borne at the leaf-axils along the previous season's growth.

HYACINTHS IN THE SOUTH.

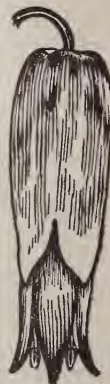
A SUBSCRIBER from Louisiana, writes that she has repeatedly planted Hyacinths in her garden in autumn. They were fine, healthy bulbs, but they invariably rot.

She should plant them three inches below the surface, in a sandy, well-drained bed at the north side of a building or fence, and keep rather dry until the bulbs start. A mulch of loose grass placed over the bed after planting will tend to keep the earth cool and moist, a desirable condition. As a rule, bulbs of Narcissus do better in the South than Hyacinths, and the Early Roman Hyacinths do better than the large late Dutch ones. Liberal supplies of heat and moisture, however, are detrimental to the health and growth of nearly all bulbs when first put in the earth, whether North or South, and should be avoided.



HYACINTHS.

Live-Forever.—A subscriber at Mifflintown, Pa., describes a plant she has, and states if a leaf is placed upon moist soil it will start new plants. It is probably what is commonly known as Live-Forever, the botanical name being Bryophyllum calycinum. It is a succulent plant, and thrives in a dry, sandy soil in a sunny exposure. If kept in a small pot, root-bound, and rather dry it will throw up a big panicle of long greenish pink drooping flowers, one of which is shown in the engraving. Avoid the use of tenacious, undrained soil and copious supplies of water. In the sandy soil of Florida this plant does well bedded out, and rarely fails to bloom well during the year.



Gladiolus.—These produce several new bulbs or corns attached to the mother bulb, and also a number of bulblets. When frost comes cut off the tops, lift and separate, and gather the bulblets. Store in a dry, cool, frost-proof place, each bulb wrapped in paper till planting time the next season. Each bulblet will produce a young plant, but the hard shell should be carefully removed to promote prompt starting of the growth.

Fern.—When a Boston Fern browns at the tip of the fronds it is mostly because of lack of proper drainage, causing injury to the roots, or to a dry, hot atmosphere. The remedy is apparent.



PRIVATE COLLECTION OF GLOXINIAS.

ABOUT GLOXINIAS.

THE MORE important species of Gloxinia were introduced from South America, where they grow in moist ravines in mountainous districts. The species have been hybridized and improved, so that the Gloxinias we cultivate today, have but little resemblance to the species first introduced. The plants are easily propagated from seeds, which are small and must be sown with care. Seedlings started early will bloom the first season. Usually they are not expected to bloom until the second season. Propagation may also be effected by removing the mature leaves and placing the stems in moist sand. Tubers will form at the base of the stem, and thus will bloom the second season. The plants require a porous, loose soil with good drain-

age, and should not be subjected to the hot sun of midday, nor to draughts of air or wind. They are mostly grown as pot plants in the house, but will do well out of doors in the summer in a well-protected place. The varieties now popular are those holding their flowers erect, and these embrace a great diversity of shades and variegations. The flowers are extremely delicate and velvety in texture, and are showy and beautiful. The plants bloom throughout the summer and autumn. As winter approaches they should be dried off gradually and set away in a frost-proof place, the temperature being about 50 degrees.

The engraving herewith presented is from a photograph of a private collection, and was sent me by Mr. Bert G. Akley, of Vermont. It was awarded the second prize in our photographic contest.

CYPRESS VINE.

IF YOU do not already have Cypress seeds to plant next spring, buy some now. We planted some, of red and white, by a five-foot fence. They soon covered the fence with a mass of feathery green leaves. The plants of the red and white varieties have been planted side by side for years, and they



CYPRESS VINES.

have mixed, forming a pink sort, therefore, we have three sorts, pure white, pink and velvety red. The dainty little stars on their graceful vines make beautiful table decoration where vines are desired as part of the decorations. When the vines reached the top of the fence they were not contented to stop there. Some little plum trees were growing on the other side which had dropped their leaves on account of dry weather. I suppose the Cypress vines thought they should be covered, or at least that is what they did; from the top of the fence they went to the branches of the plum trees, making them green again. The drouth did not seem to affect the Cypress in the least, for they flourished all summer, and each morning our eyes were delighted with the myriads of little day-stars on the fence and trees.

Ariel Beauchamp.

Doniphan, Mo., Dec. 13, 1910.

Hardy Hibiscus.—A herbaceous perennial easily raised from seeds is the Hardy Crimson-eye Hibiscus. Sometimes it takes six weeks for the seeds to germinate, but they invariably come. The plants grow very rapidly. The blooms are most beautiful, large pale pink, and also white, mostly with a crimson eye. I always get them growing nicely, and just when I look for them to bloom the cut worms get into them and mow them down. I have never found out if they bloom the first season, as the cut worms have always interfered. The seeds may be planted in the open ground. Established plants bloom here in August.

G. P.

Floyd Co., Ind., Jan 16, 1911.

Poppies among Potatoes.—The Giant Feather ball Poppies resow themselves, and I do not save seeds of them. Last year we had a few plants among potatoes, and this year a goodly number came up, which we saved in cultivating the potatoes. They grew between the potato rows, and when in bloom made quite a gorgeous display.

S. J. Bair

Clark Co., Ind., Oct 31, 1910.

OLEANDER AND HYACINTHS.

FOR TWO years I have grown Hyacinths in a tub containing a large Oleander, and am so well pleased with the results that I wish others would try it.

The tub is about the size of a small wash-tub, and has handles and castors so it may be moved easily. During warm weather it stands on an east porch. When time to bring in plants for winter-blooming, the tub is rolled into the house, placed in a cool room, and a circle of Hyacinth bulbs planted around the edge, taking care to not disturb the Oleander roots. I cover the earth with papers to exclude the light, and let stand about six weeks, or until danger of frost is past. Then the tub is placed in a bay window in a warm room, the papers removed, and both Hyacinths and Oleander take on new life, and reward me with many beautiful blooms.

I. M. K.

Weld Co., Colo., Sept. 30, 1910.

A Flower Border.—I had a beautiful flower border last year, and it was arranged in this way: First I planted a row of Cosmos. Then I set a row of Dahlias, alternating with plants of Four-o'clock. In front of all I set a row of Petunias. I never had a more satisfactory border of flowers. The rich green foliage of the Cosmos with white and pink flowers made an admirable background, and the border was much admired.

Mrs. C. D. Gingley.

Etna Mills, Cal., Jan. 10, 1911.

Hyacinth Bean.—When the vines of this Bean (*Dolichos lablab*) get started they grow as fast as a gourd vine, and soon cover a fence or trellis. The flowers are shaped like Bean flowers, but much larger, and come in large clusters. They have a delightful fragrance. The vines bloom abundantly throughout the season, and produce masses of pretty, showy Hyacinth-colored pods.

Ariel Beauchamp.

Doniphan, Mo., Dec. 13, 1910.



HYACINTHS.



COSMOS BLOOMS.

CARL VON LINNÆUS.

PLANTS have been studied and classified more or less from the earliest times, but there was really no scientific botany, properly so called, until the 16th century of the Christian era. The first European to publish a book on the subject, was Brunfels, a physician of Berne, Switzerland, who was the author of a *History of Plants*. Following him came other students of botany, who advanced the science; but we come to no scientific classification of plants until Carl von Linnæus published his celebrated system about the middle of the 18th century. Carl von Linne, or, as he is commonly called, Linnæus, was born on the 23d of May, 1707, in the village of Rooshoolt, Sweden, where his father was a Lutheran clergyman. He first studied at the University of Lund, afterwards at Upsal, then spent some time in Holland and England, and finally became professor of botany at the University of Upsal, where he died on the 8th of January, 1778, in his 71st year.

The system which Linnæus introduced is founded on the sexes of plants, a subject overlooked by the botanists before his time. It was strongly supported by many botanists, although opposed by a few, and adopted in nearly all the schools of Europe. One of his biographers says of this system: "It is called an artificial method, because it takes into account only a few marked characters in plants, and does not propose to unite them by natural affinities. It is an index to a department of the book of nature, and as such is useful to the student. It is only a stepping-stone to the natural system." For many years it was the only system used by many teachers of botany, but it was gradually superceded by the natural method, taught by Jussieu in France, and by Robert Brown in England. The scientific study of any subject is never effected by any one man, but he may be the great pioneer. It is an evolution, not a revolution. Great as were the changes made by

Linnæus in the study of botany, he knew that his system was not complete or perfect, and that other investigators after him would add to what he had so well begun. Although his system, as such, is no longer taught, yet our botanical system of today owes much of its completeness to it; and for that the name of Carl von Linnæus is honored in all the universities of Europe and America.

Lancaster Co., Pa.

Wm. D. Henkel.

Hollyhocks.—I had a row of Hollyhocks last summer that bordered the path, and it gave me much pleasure. I saved seeds from three plants, of two shades, that grew on the bank. The shades were pink and dark red—almost black. This year I have pink, red, crimson, chamoise and buff tints, none in scarlet. They formed a chromatic scale of

color, and bloomed from the Fourth of July until late in the season. It seems as though I had quarts of seeds. They have blown and dropped everywhere, besides the colors I selected. If any of the sisters would like some in exchange for other flowers, I will gladly exchange.

Mrs. A. L. Nicely.
Fruitville, Calif.,
R. R. 1., Box 331.



CARL VON LINNÆUS, "THE FATHER OF BOTANY."

For Shade.—On a shelf in a narrow passageway between two houses, where the sun scarcely reaches, I have foliage plants which furnish quite a display. I find this an ideal place for Ferns and some other foliage plants. My Chinese Primroses bloomed here until the hottest weather came. I would say, however, that they are the only plants that did bloom satisfactorily. Adeline E. Barnes.

Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 23, 1911.

Note.—Lily of the Valley, Calla Lily, and various species of Arum, will bloom well in such a situation. Kenilworth Ivy can be used for a pot or basket, or will cover the ground with its spreading branches. Parlor Ivy can be used to climb a trellis or string. Adlumia Cirrhosa, a vine with fern-like foliage and delicate clusters of flowers, can be used to advantage in such a situation. One of the best foliage plants is Caladium esculentum, known as Elephant's Ear. A row of these plants, well watered during a dry time, will be found effective. Saxifraga sarmentosa and Tradescantia Zebrina will also do well.—Ed.

ABOUT SUNFLOWERS.

I HAVE ALWAYS been a great admirer of the whole Sunflower family. I love even the old fashioned variety with stalks six feet high and flowers at the top the size of a dinner-plate, bending low with the great weight. From the giant of the cornfield to the dainty "Multiflora" is a great step, to say nothing of the tall perennial, flowering in clusters of six small flowers on long stems.

But all of these pale before the annual sort known as "Oscar Wilde." I sowed five small seeds or this last spring, and raised two plants, which grew so slowly that I feared they would die. When six inches high, I transplanted to a rich spot in the garden, where they soon took a new hold on life, and became bushy and a deep green in color. They ought to have been set three feet apart, for their long branches interlaced like one plant. Early in July the buds opened. They were at least three inches across, glossy, deep yellow, single with black button-like center, each button as large as a Scabiosa flower. The long stems made them extremely useful for vases, and when in full bloom the plants made the showiest mass I ever saw. Best of all, the bloom continued until the middle of October, as though they never meant to stop, although I did not keep the dead flowers picked off to promote blooming. It must be a natural trait, just as certain horses insist on full speed action from pure love of going. I cannot praise this annual too highly. I wish all the gardeners would try it. Lydia W. Baldwin.

Milford Del., Oct. 20, 1910.

[Note.—The Oscar Wilde Sunflower can be supplied by most seedsmen at 5 cents per packet.—Ed.]



SUNFLOWER.

Pæonies.—The Pæony is probably, all things considered, the finest of the hardy perennials. The different kinds all have very pretty foliage, which begins to show very early in the spring. The plant has no enemies, as has the Rose and most other plants, and once planted, a bed or a group is good for a life-time. There are several hundred varieties or Chinese Pæonies, but a collection of a dozen plants would include most of the many desirable ones, if carefully selected. The flowers are larger and more showy than the finest Roses, but they only bloom once a year, in May or June.

Wayne Co., W. Va.,

W. C. Mollett.



PEONIES.

GERANIUMS AND BEGONIAS IN FLORIDA.

DEAR MR. PARK:

IN A LATE Magazine some sisters deplore the fact that their Geraniums and Rex Begonias are non-blooming. Now, why do mine do nothing else? They are scraggy little two-inch high plants with a few leaves on the stalks, and put out regularly a bunch of buds which I have to clip off. What I want first is leaves. How can I get them? My Rex Begonias now have about three stunted little leaves apiece, and every few days out shove those little sheaths full of buds. My tuberous Begonias started in that way from the planting out of the tubers. By the time three little leaves appeared out came an even bigger sheath full of buds. Is it the warm weather here, or the soil I am using? I have always supposed that rich compost was all that was necessary to develop leaves or buds.

Tampa, Fla., Oct. 15, 1910. M. M. Adams.

Note.—If sods of the native Florida grasses were piled up using a layer of stable manure alternately with the sods, and applying a good sprinkling of lime over each layer, the whole kept wet for about six weeks, then stirred several times, a compost would result that would grow foliage as well as flowers. The Florida muck well mixed with lime and well-rotted manure would probably be equally effective.—Ed.

Crinum.—Years ago I got a Crinum Kirkii from Georgia and potted it. It did start, and after waiting for nearly two years it began to decay at the heart, and was soon past caring for. I had my trouble for nothing. I have had Amaryllis to bloom without rooting, and after the flowers faded the roots and leaves would start. But Crinum is a southern plant, and I have succeeded with but one bulb, which I think was Crinum Americanum. Ima.

Gaucha Co., O., Dec. 12, 1910.



CRINUM

Petunias.—My Petunias have been a great satisfaction the past year. I had a fine variety of colors, and the plants bloomed very freely. While the dry weather affected all of my other plants the Petunias held their heads up in defiance. I shall try a larger bed next season. Mrs. E. E. Gilbert.

Akron, O., Oct. 1, 1910.

Hydrangea.—In the fall, when the leaves of Hydrangea turn yellow and drop, the plant is simply going to rest for the winter. It should be set in a frost-proof room and watered just enough to keep the stems from shriveling. Ima.

Gaucha Co., Ohio.

A BED OF SEMI-TROPICAL EFFECT.

FOR SHADE.

HERE IS A photograph (reproduced) of a showy and beautiful bed of foliage and flowers which adorned our yard the past summer. The tall, broad-leaved plants are *Canna robusta*; those with lobed leaves, *Ricinus arboreus*; the plant with drooping clusters of long tubular white flowers is Park's Star Flower (*Nicotiana sylvestris*). The feathery group at the right, not yet in bloom, is *Cosmos*, and at the left end is a big blooming specimen of *Agapanthus umbellatus* growing in a tub, which is hidden by a mass of vines and foliage of the Wild Cucumber, *Echinocystis lobata*. The low-growing, marginal flowers are Double Asters of various colors.

MYOSOTIS SEMPERFLORENS, (Forget-me-not) is desirable for a shady place. Plants are very easy to raise, and quite attractive, having light-blue flowers in clusters. They are perennials, but spring-sown seeds will produce blooming plants in July, and they will continue to bloom until frost. A slight covering of leaves is very beneficial for a winter protection.

Where the ground is cool and moist the Annual Larkspurs are very effective. They must have some sun, and a free circulation of air. They are very showy. Among perennials, though not everblooming, nothing is showier or easier to grow than Day Lilies (*Hemerocallis*), especially the old-fashioned St. Michael's



BEAUTIFUL BED OF FOLIAGE AND FLOWERS.

Some of the Cannas in this bed grew ten feet high, and produced spikes of scarlet bloom. The flowers however, were small, and not to be compared with the big-flowered Cannas used for summer-flowering. The bed as a whole, had a semi-tropical appearance, and was a source of much admiration and praise. We had a number of beds of foliage and flowering plants, but the one shown in the photograph was the largest of the lot, and the most effective.

Mrs. S. M. True.

Clinton, Me., Oct. 7, 1910.

Maiden-hair Fern.—This Fern should have a light, porous soil and good drainage. If water stands about the roots it injures them, and causes the foliage to turn brown.

Lily, a new flower appearing every day. And the August Lily, Funkias. These both revel in damp, shady places, and are very showy. They bloom here in June, and the latter part of August.

G. P.

Floyd Co., Ind., Jan. 16, 1911.

Crinum.—Do not repot the plants in the spring, if you want them to bloom; and do not put them in a dark, damp cellar in the winter, but in a warm dry place, and give little or no water. In summer set the plant in the hot sun and give plenty of water. About the middle of September, or just after the bulbs bloom take them out, remove the offsets, and repot in good soil with a fourth part sand, and good charcoal drainage. This treatment applies to Crinum at the North.

Madison Co., Ia., Jan. 14, 1911.

F. M.

AGERATUM AND SCABIOSA. • THOSE FLOWER BEGGARS.

ONE OF the very best annuals in cultivation, and sure to give satisfaction wherever grown is the Ageratum. It is easily grown from seed and blooms continually.

The flowers are never faded by rain, as so many more delicate flowers are. They grow anywhere, and the amateur florist will find it well adapted for his inexperience. Although I have dozens of dowers, I do not think my garden complete without its bed of Ageratum.

As winter plants they almost rival the famous Nutt Geranium, the plants being always covered with the dear sweet-scented blossoms, and always greatly admired.

Another favorite, and a flower of great merit is the Scabiosa, also called Mourning Bride, Pincushion Flower and Egyptian Rose. The pretty flowers, in many shades, are borne on long stems. Hot or dry weather does not hurt them, and they are most excellent bouquet flowers. The plants come into bloom the first of July, and continue until cut down by severe frosts. Seeds



SCABIOSA

can be sown any time in spring after danger of frost is over, or they may be sown in September, to live over winter as young plants and bloom early the next season.

Millie L. Ahlers.

Stronghurst, Ill., Dec. 13, 1910.

Oleander.—Last spring, a year ago, in bringing my Oleander up from the cellar one of the top branches broke off. I put a slip of it into a bottle of water and hung it in the sun, and while it was rooting it was blooming also. It grew right along this summer, but did not bloom until now, October 10th, it is a thing of beauty indeed. The flowers are double, pink and very pretty.

Mrs. Etta Efelain.

Newport, Ky., Oct. 10, 1910.

Wistaria Vine.—If you want something unusually fine, plant a Wistaria vine by an old dead tree, the more scraggly, the better. The vine will soon "take" the tree, and cover it with beautiful green leaves, making a fine shade tree. When the Wistaria blooms it will be a grand sight.

Mrs. L. Eastman.

Ft. White, Fla.

FLOWER BEGGARS are aggravating sometimes, but dear sisters, let us consider that many of them do not know one flower from another, and are entirely ignorant of their habits, so that they ask for a Tulip or Hyacinth bloom just as quickly as they would ask for a Pansy or Rose, not knowing that they only put out one bloom stock in a season. If they were kindly told this fact, also told where you get your bulbs, how much they cost, and how they are raised, your friend might be as glad, many times to buy them as you were, and would not think of allowing you to pluck yours for them. I always try to divide with my friends, even the beggars, as far as I can, without injuring my own plants. When I am afraid of injuring them, I simply "do as I would be done by," and tell them the simple truth about it, always telling them where I got mine, and many times offering to send for them, some of the same kinds, upon their furnishing the price. I do not think I ever offended one person in this way, for they know I would divide if I could, always having given when I had them to spare. The only fault I find with this plan is a series of small orders, of which sometimes I am almost ashamed, and I often wonder if the florist does not want to tell me to send less frequently and send larger orders; but I just get some plants started from seed when a neighbor will happen in, admire them so much, and request me to send for some for her, too.

Think this matter over well, dear sisters, before you say or do anything to offend the poor, blind, groping ones, trying so hard to obtain a little of the pleasure you have with your flowers. Remember, they may not have had the same chance to learn that you have had. Remember, they are God's children, too, and entitled to all the help we can give them. After all, if we should give them the last one we had, sometimes, I am not sure but the flower would fulfill its mission better than for us to get offended at the person who longed for it enough to ask for it. The one who asks may need it more than we do.

Ft. White, Fla.

Mrs. L. Eastman.

Petunia.—For a flower that will succeed with little attention and under adverse conditions the Petunia is almost without a rival. It will stand a great amount of drought, continuing to bloom in the driest weather. The improved varieties are of large size and of a great many different shades and colors.



PETUNIAS.

W. C. Mollett.

Martin Co., Ky., Oct. 22, 1910.

FOR SHADE AND SHADOW.

ZINNIAS.

THE FOLLOWING are the most showy plants to grow in shade and partial shade: Aconitum, a hardy perennial, two to three feet tall, and covered from September until hard frosts, with lovely, showy blue flowers: Canterbury Bell, an old favorite bearing an abundance of bell-shaped flowers, in shades of blue, white and rose; Digitalis, or Foxglove, revels in the shade, the plants are very showy and the flowers brilliant, borne on long, slender stems, and it seems you can hear the thimble-shaped flowers ringing as they are wafted about by a light breeze.



DICENTRA, OR BLEEDING HEART.

Dicentra, or Bleeding Heart, as it is commonly called, is another fine plant. One of the finest shade plants is the Delphinium or Larkspur, blooming throughout the summer. The Funkia, a hardy plant, blooms in August, and is always satisfactory. The hardy Phlox is well-adapted, as is the Rudbeckia for partial shade, and nothing in the floral kingdom can rival these in brilliancy and profusion of display. For shady, rocky places, Ajuga, with its blue flowers is unsurpassed, making a pleasing effect. Amsonia, another blue perennial, delights in shade. Some varieties of the Anemone or Windflower, are also suited for this purpose. Caltha, commonly called Marsh Marigold, has beautiful yellow flowers very early in spring. Lily of the Valley, though not showy, is most beautiful. Vinca and Violets delight in shade.

Among the annuals may be named, Begonia, Cleome, Annual Larkspur, Lupinus, Lychnis, Mimulus, and Nemophila or Love Grove. The old favorite Forget-me-not, Pansies and Sea Lavender. Most are very showy and bloom throughout the summer. Lena C. Ahlers.

Henderson Co., Ill., Jan. 14, 1911.

Boltonia Asteroides.—In the shrubby border this plant has no rival. Whoever gave it the name of "Thousand-flowered Boltonia" could not have given it a more appropriate one. It grows in any soil or location; is most excellent for cut flowers. Its period of bloom is long, and drought or heat does not injure it. Do not overlook it in your order, for you surely will be delighted with it. The seed germinates easily. Millie L. Ahlers.

Henderson Co., Ill., Jan. 14, 1911.

WHY NOT have Zinnias along the garden fences instead of weeds? If they are cultivated once or twice they will get so far ahead of the weeds that they have to wait till next year to grow. We had a row of mixed Zinnias along the garden fence this year (where weeds would have come up otherwise), and they were a constant joy. They are not so graceful for cut flowers as some others, but they look beautiful growing on their sturdy little bushes. If any bush produces single flowers, pull it up so it won't mix with the double ones. The first flower of any of them is likely to be single, so don't pull them up too soon. The blossoms are very



ZINNIA.

showy and have the desirable attribute of being pretty all summer, instead of going to seed and drying up like some others. Plant some of them in a weed patch, also a few Marigolds next spring, and let the children have them for their flowers. If you help them a little by keeping the weeds down at first, you will be well repaid.

Ariel Beauchamp.

Doniphan, Mo., Dec. 13, 1910.

Tin Cans.—I passed a house the other day, the windows of which were filled with sickly, stunted plants growing in fourth-pound baking-powder and spice cans. Can you wonder the plants looked tired? I wish I could have re-potted those plants into cans holding a quart of earth. If you cannot afford flower pots, plants will grow and bloom as well in tin cans with good drainage: but see that the cans are large enough, and cover them with some pretty crepe paper of dark color. I once saw a row of plant cans which had been painted a bright red color, and you could see them long before you saw the plants. But everyone to their fancy, as the old lady said. Ima.

Geango Co., O., Nov. 27, 1910.

Wonder Lemon.—I have a Wonder Lemon bearing three Lemons. It bloomed in January, and the lemons stayed on until Thanksgiving. One weighed one pound, and the other two a few ounces less. Everybody who saw my plant, admired it very much. It is a tropical plant that can be satisfactorily grown in the North.



Mrs. C. N. Ball.

Carroll Co., Ind., Jan. 18, 1911.

FLORAL POETRY.

SWEET SHRUBS.

Quaint little country ladies,
In russet gowns tinged with brown,
Filled with a great ambition,
Suddenly came to town.

Sunk in the depths of a pocket,
"Stuffing the coach!" cried they,
Dear little, queer little ladies,
Fresh from a garden way.

Thoughts of an old, old garden,
They brought to the weary town,
Where the people with restless longing,
Walk ceaselessly up and down.

Dreams of a still, gray garden,
With trees a century old,
And feet that are dust and ashes,
That walked ere their years were told.

"Why," said aloud the ladies,
"Really, is this the town?"
Then their timid hearts quaked within them
As they calmly settled down

Deep in a cup of water.

"Well, if it is!" they cried,
"The best we can do"—the darlings!
"Is just to be sweet!" and sighed.

Roanoke, Va., Oct. 22, 1910. Grace Gish.

THE FLIGHT OF TIME.

A friend we loved in by-gone days,
A song we used to sing,
The flowers that bloomed in childhood days,
What memories fond they bring.

The falling of the summer rain,
The bow that shines in eastern sky,
The fancies of a child at play,
In happy days gone by.

The days gone by seem full of joy,
Forgotten, almost, are the tears,
Perhaps the days we're living now
May seem so in the coming year.

We swiftly glide down river Time,
We part with loved ones by the way,
We hope when partings are no more
To meet them all some day.

Mrs. Clyde Babcock.

Polk Co., Neb., Jan. 16, 1911.

MY VALENTINE.

I know a little lady
With eyes of brightest blue,
With cheeks so round and rosy,
And a heart that's warm and true.

Her smile is sweet and sunny,
But there's mischief lurking there;
She's full of fun and witchery,
From foot to golden hair.

She's far more dear and precious
Than treasured wealth of mine,
And every day the whole year through
She's my little valentine.

Mrs. Clyde Babcock.

Polk Co., Neb., Jan. 16, 1911.

IT IS GOOD.

It is good, little flower, just to be in the sun,
Just to know that you're growing, growing;
To fold up your rosy-tipped leaves, one by one,
When you know that the daylight is going.

It is good just to feel the sunshine and be glad,
And be wooed by the west wind's soft blowing;
So rest in the greenness with which you are clad,
A blush on your rosy cheek showing.

It is good just to feel the light plash of the rain,
On your cheek as the storm passes over;
So raise your fair face to the blue sky again,
As you welcome the wild bee, the rover.

It is good when the dewdrops fall soft on your head,
And the night clouds hang hovering near;
So cuddle down close in your velvet green bed,
To rest till the dawn without fear.

It is good to show always the care and the praise
Of thy Maker who caused thee to spring
Up from the kind earth till you met the sun's rays,
And wide your bright petals did fling.

It is good to know always His far-reaching eye
Guards even the least of His own;
The low stooping blossom so tender and shy,
Is dear as the cliff bleak and lone.

Roanoke, Va., Oct. 22, 1910. Grace Gish.

THE LETTER THAT NEVER CAME.

A woman sat by the window,
(On his rounds the postman came),
Her face lighted up with gladness
As she murmured a dear friend's name.
But the postman passed unheeding—
Oh! he was not to blame,
That the eyes were closed forever,
When the letter so longed for, came.
Oh! we all have felt the anguish,
We all have felt the shame,
When we learned that a friend in dying
Had sadly murmured our name,
In a voice so full of longing,
But loving us just the same,
Tho' their last hour passed in sighing
For the letter that never came.
We may heap the grave with flowers
After the heart is still;
We may shed bitter tears above them,
And grieve for them as we will;
We may cry aloud in anguish,
And bow our heads in shame,
But all will be no atonement
For the letter that never came.
There's naught on earth so cruel,
As the letter that never came.

Valentine, Neb., Nov. 22, 1910. Mary Babb.

AN OCTOBER DAISY.

As if the air were full of song
Instead of keen winds blowing.
Among the grasses brown and dead
I found a daisy growing.

So dainty, fresh and golden-eyed
It nodded in the sun;
It seemed a little spirit sent
To comfort every one.

To tell that summer lingered still,
In quiet ways deceiving,
To spring upon us unawares
Lest we should fall a-grieving.

For where the autumn Daisy
Grew in modest white, arraying,
There's not a heart but brighter felt,
Tho' mid the shadows straying.

Roanoke, Va., Oct. 22, 1910. Grace Gish.

THE WOODS OF OLD WISCONSIN.

When the autumn days are coming,
And the Oaks grow brown and sere;
When the Cottonwood and Aspen
Tell the falling of the year;
Then my heart is vainly yearning
For the days of long ago—
For the woods of old Wisconsin,
Where the wild flowers used to grow.

Oh! the streets of dear old Loyal,
And my father's village farm!
There I roamed in happy childhood,
Amid fair Nature's charms,
And I see my mother's garden
Where the fairest roses blow,
And the woods of Old Wisconsin,
Where the Trilliums used to grow.

Yet the girl friends of my childhood—
They are scattered far and wide.
Some upon the level prairies,
Some by the ocean's tide;
And some are gently sleeping
In the grave, so cold and low,
Never more to roam the meadows
Where the Violets used to grow.

Still, I long to see my mother,
Standing in the old, north door,
As she stood oft-times, to greet me,
When my school-room's work was o'er;
And I want to see my father,
Bring the horses home once more
From the fragrant woodland pasture,
As in cherished days of yore.

Mrs. E. D. Redmon.

Gunnison Co., Col., Sept. 15, 1910.

THE BOBOLINK.

Where the rippling waters murmur,
'Neath the cool refreshing shade,
And the fish in happy freedom glide along;
O'er the meadows rich in clover,
Or the cool and mossy glade,
There the rice-bird wakes the echoes with his song.

He has little claim to beauty,
But his voice is rich and clear.
Tho' his plumage sometimes rivals darkest night;
Yet his song of sweetest cadence.
Thrills upon the listening ear,
While he swiftly spreads his wings in hasty flight.

He is clothed in darkest colors.
When he seeks this northern land.
And Bobolink is the name he proudly wears;
When returning to the South-land,
He then dons his suit of gray,
And the name of Southern rice-bird then he bears.

Oh! that I might once more wander,
On the rippling brooklet's shore,
Where the lazy cows at noon-time come to drink,—
With the same light-hearted pleasure.
Listen as in days of yore,
To the carols of the cheerful Bobolink.
Buffalo, N. Y. Ellen Kent.

THE FIRST VIOLET.

'Tis early spring;
Down by the stream
The Pussy Willows gayly nod,
And waking from
Its winter's dream,
A Violet breathes its pray'r to God.

And low beneath
The leaves, it bends
Its head, in fragrance sweet and rare,
To Him from whom
All love descends—
It breathes upon the evening air.

Siskiyou Co., Cal., Dec. 2, 1910. Alice Phillips.

THE DESERT QUEEN.

Mr. Editor:—Not having seen Colorado flowers particularly eulogized in your Magazine, I take the liberty of remedying the lack.

(Yucca Filamentosa.)

The rocky hill, the sandy plain;
Thy heritage and lone domain.
Thou stately Desert Queen,
The splendors of an Orient clime,
The Hour's charm, the Havan rhyme
Are in thy form and mien.



Thy myriad bell-like blossoms swing.
By fairy pages kept a-ring,
With elfin melody;
Soft flutings of the courtier breeze,
And murmurous wings of velvet bees
Swell that fine minstrelry.

No sybarite, thy couch is hard;
Thy feet are set mid flint and shard,
In an unkindly soil;
But 'round thee thronged a royal band,
Thy fierce barbaric spearmen stand,
To guard from wrong and spoil.

Sagnache, Colo., Nov. 25, 1910. Hannah M. Bryan.

[The sword-edged, spear-pointed leaves stand close and straight around the flower-stem to cut and pierce the hand that would pluck and bear away the Desert Queen.—H. M. B.]

A WINTER'S DAY.

I stood on the bridge at sunset,
Where all was a sheet of ice;
The tall trees flashed and sparkled,
But the birds were still as mice.

The imprisoned water gurgled
And croned in its icy bed;
The leafless twigs of the willow,
Were to all appearance dead.

There was not a stir in the village,
There was not a soul in sight;
The day was slowly darkening
Into a cheerless night.

I thought of my cozy fireside,
And slowly I turned away,
Reluctant still to leave the scene,
On that chilly winter day.

Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., Jan. 10, 1910. Edna Barber.

TREES IN WINTER.

The trees stand gaunt, like shivering ghosts,
Stretching their bare arms through the air,
Praying for mercy from the hosts
Of winds that toss them in despair.

Or, like the ships by storm-wrath hurled,
While o'er the masts the ice-drops cling,
With all their summer sails close furled,
And tembling like some hunted thing.

Yet deep in each beneath the bark
There linger memories of Spring;
Ready to waken when they hark
To call of flowers and birds a-wing.

Atco, N. J.

Cora. S. Day

LONG AGO, LONG AGO.

Sitting by the fire light,
The embers burning low,
Thinking of my childhood days,
Long ago, long ago.

Of the crinkly Mallows,
That grew upon the hill,
Methinks I taste the sweetness
Of their cheeses still.

And the sprightly Sheep Sorrel,
Tender, crisp and sour,
How we hunted for its leaves
Hour after hour.

And the wild red berries,
That grew back of the mill,
I can see the very spot
Where we ate our fill.

We were merry children,
Happy, glad and gay,
Shouting, playing, singing,
All the summer day

Many years have gone by,
And left my hair as snow;
Would I were as happy now
As in the long ago.

Geauga Co., Ohio, Jan. 11, 1911.

Ima.

SPRING IN MASQUERADE.

I have heard the heart of the Springtime beat,
The Maple's blood's astir;
For the Spring went by on her flying feet,
Though I missed the sight of her

Like a bound that is loosed the south wind comes,
I hear his warning bay;
From the lake a sound as of snapping drums,
Whose heads are giving away.

Shall the wind and the lake of the Springtime learn
While I, who love her most,
And would trace her steps by the waking fern,
My sight of her have lost?

I will search for the Springtime's hiding place,
Till, shy and rosy fair,
Lifts up from its nook a sweet May-flower face,
And know her masking there.

Cayuga Co., N. Y., Cora A. Matson Dolson.

"CAMELLIA THEA."

Mid spreading branches of glossy green,
The Tea Plant opens its blossoms sweet;
White-petalled and stamens of silky sheen,
Its fragrance is wafted each friend to greet.

Over soft stamens of downy yellow,
Gloats and hovers full many a bee;
There's nectar in plenty for each little fellow,
As he revels 'mongst blooms of Camellia Tea.

Emmett D. Highsmith.

Sampson Co., N. C., Dec. 14, 1910.

WINTER.

Spring and Summer and Autumn time,
Gone in the past together;
Now King Winter is in his prime,
With his cold and frosty weather.

The earth is clad in a garment white,
Every branch has its wreath of snow;
Gleaming stars fill the sky at night,
Keeping watch o'er the world below.

Hailey, Ida. Jan. 14, 1911

Ada M. Love.

MY GARDEN.

The sweetest spot I know on earth.
Is my garden, bright and fair;
Where Roses red and Lilies white
Blend well with flowers rare,
Pansies in beds, and Tulips, too,
Hollyhock rows and Violets blue,
Heliotrope scenting the garden air,
Abound with Poppies of many a hue.

Sweet Peas are there in forty shades,
With Dahlias red and white;
Fresh they are in the morning dawn,
After the dews of night.
Big clumps of Nasturtiums in bright array,
Everlastings to dry for a winter's day,
Full Asters in hues from blue to grey,
Upheld in masses, so bright and gay.

There is the Green Isle Shamrock plant,
And the Cactus from western shores;
There are the Palms from the sunny South,
And Bluebells from Scotland's moors.
I find each day in my garden fold,
A wealth of pleasure and joy untold,
The peace and plenty I crave to hold,
More charming and precious than glittering gold.

Mifflin Co., Pa., Jan. 13, 1911. Ellsworth Claspby.

THE FOUR SEASONS.

Spring is gentle, shy and loving,
Violets in her golden hair;
Often smiles, but weeps as quickly,
For the flowers in her care.

Summer is a beauteous maiden,
And her eyes are deepest blue;
In her arms are fragrant Roses,
And sweet flowers of every hue.

Autumn is a nut-brown maiden,
With a crown of scarlet leaves,
And she brings the nuts and apples,
And a wealth of golden sheaves.

Winter is an icy maiden,
On her head the Holly wreath,
Wrapped in furs and coldly frowning,
As she treads the snow beneath.

S. Royalton, Vt., Dec. 12, 1910. Eloise Case.

TO A FRIEND.

I send to you a Valentine—
It seems so poor a thing;
There are no flowers to deck it
As there would be in spring.

The summer would lend Roses,
But that's so far away;
And autumn leaves and blossoms
Are distant many a day.

So take my simple offering,
The lines I send to you;
The love a heart has cherished,
The friendship warm and true.

Hailey, Ida., Jan. 14, 1911. Ada M. Love.

IN LOVING MEMORY.

Hast thou, Jesus, lover,
Taken our darling Pearl
To the place where angels hover
Round our darling girl?

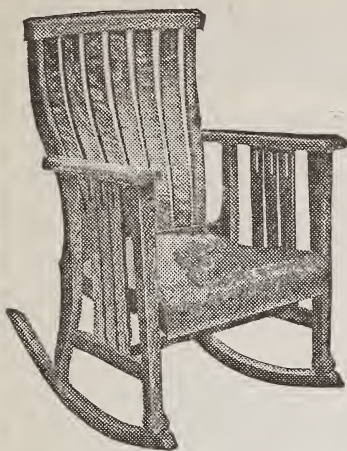
Faint, as far off music,
Through the Heavenly light,
Comes her sweet voice singing,
Through the day and night.

Henderson Co., Ill.

Lena C. Ahlers.

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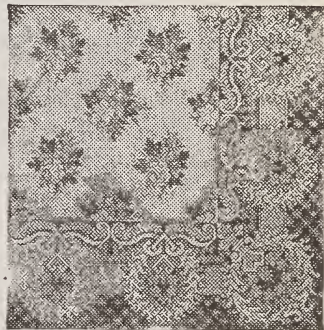
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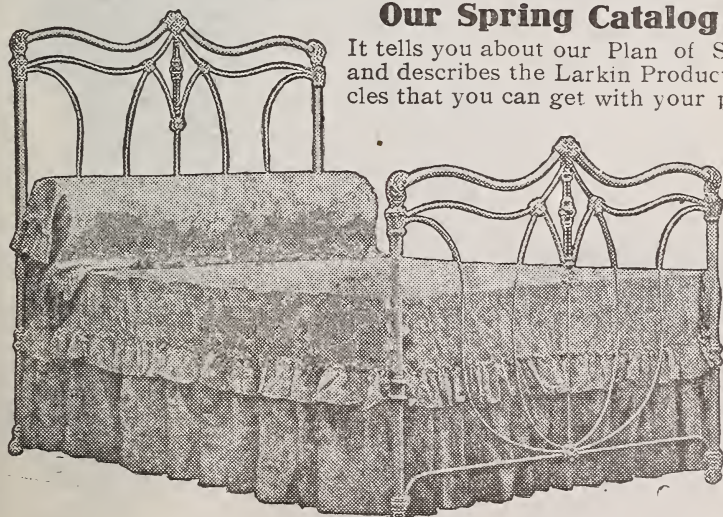
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In every dimpled drop I see

Wild flowers on the hills

The clouds of gray engulf the day

And overwhelm the town:

It isn't raining rain to me.

It's raining roses down.

It isn't raining rain to me.

But fields of clover bloom.

Where every buccaneering bee.

May find a bed and room:

A health unto the happy.

A fig to him who frets.

It isn't raining rain to me,

It's raining violets."

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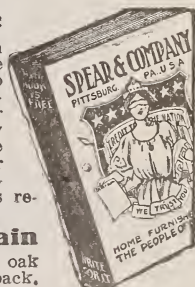
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Somerset, Col., Sept. 26, '10. Mrs. E. D. Redmon.

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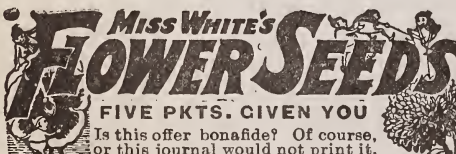
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Mrs. Geo. Wilkie Reed.

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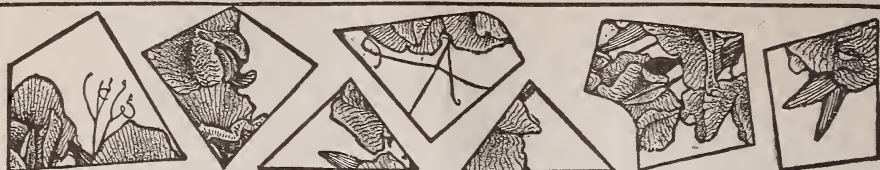
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For you know I'm out of bread;
Cackle, cackle, make a racket,
Got no linen in my jacket;
Cackle, cackle to the hay!
Old black hen, why don't you lay?
Cackle, cackle 'mongst the weeds.
We want eggs to pay for seeds!

Luray, Va., Dec. 29, 1910.

Eunice Judd.



Dear Mr. Park:—Why are so many people cruel to their animals? They neglect to feed and water them regularly; they use tight check reins; and they jerk the reins and use the whip often without reason. Even children allow their pets to chill at night, while the house cat is often turned out to be abused by other cats, to suffer from cold, or indulge in cruelty. I once read of a man who built a house in the woods by a pond, and was so kind to the squirrels and birds that they became tame and did not want to leave him. Once I saw a man beat a mule so that he made raw spots on him. What is gained by cruelty? Would it not be far better to be kind?

Julius H. Walker, Jr., age 14 yrs.

Columbia, S. Ca., Dec. 7, 1910.

[Note.—Were it not for the treachery and cruelty of people and cats at the country home the squirrels and birds would be as tame as domestic animals and fowls. Evidence of this is shown in the city park, where squirrels will climb to your shoulder, and the English sparrows, naturally cautious, almost block the way. I often saw winter birds lighting and eating from the outstretched hand of my deceased sister as she went out in a cold morning to place feed for them upon an elevated, cat-proof board. There is no reason for cruelty to either man or beast. Kindness always promotes happiness in the one who exercises it, as well as in those who are the recipients.—Ed.]

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a school girl, 11 years old and love your Magazine. My Mamma has taken it 12 years. I have two canaries, three pigeons, one rabbit, and lots of flowers. Helen Cooby.
Lancaster, Wis., Dec. 30, 1910.

WINTER.

The birds have flown to the southland:
The woods are leafless and drear,
And there's but little left to brighten
The last of the dying year.

But the days will shortly lengthen,
And the returning sun will bring
To us message of gladness,
For 'twill once again be spring.

Wayne Co., W. Va., Dec. 5, 1910. W. C. Mollett.

MAGAZINE APPRECIATED.

Mr. Park:—I have been taking your **Floral Magazine** for four or five years, and find it full of valuable information. I have preserved all the numbers for reference. Mrs. Olenia Brown,
Winnsboro, Tex., Jan. 11, 1911.

Mr. Park:—I have been taking the **Magazine** for 24 years, and look for its coming each month with eager eyes. As soon as it arrives everything is suspended until it is read. I miss many of the contributor's names that were familiar years ago, and it saddens my heart to know I will never see another line from their pen. I have all the volumes from 1892 to date, except one. I have some copies of 1876 and some of 1878 and would be glad to get older dates that I do not have. I have made many life-long friends through the exchange columns, but am unable anymore to put up plants to exchange, although I expect to read the **Magazine** as long as I live. With best wishes to you, Mr. Editor, I remain, your floral friend.
Bryant, Mo., Dec. 26, 1910. Mrs. M. A. Goss.

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Mrs. Marsna Jones.

San Diego, Cal., Nov. 30, 1910.

From New York.—Mr. Park:—A correspondent speaks of the wonderful Cacti that grow unheeded near her home in El Paso, Texas. Now, just across the river, in Jaurez, Mexico, I have seen common trees grown in tubs in the public park. In the grounds of a New Orleans mansion the attraction was not the blooming plants of Camellia Japonica, or blooming or fruiting Bananas, but a bed of Pansies. That of which we have plenty loses its attraction, while the rare or difficult to obtain has value to us, even though it may be inferior.

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Greater New York. Jan. 10, 1911.

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An Old Maid.

Antelope Co., Neb., Jan. 12, 1911.

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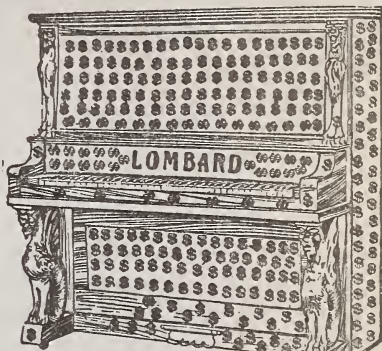


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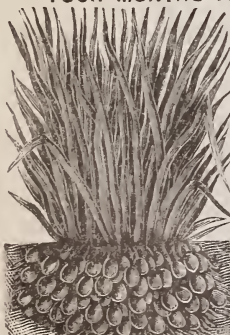
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Another misconception which exists with the average citizen of our country is that the Cubans are mostly an uncouth, treacherous people. They make as good neighbors as are to be found anywhere in our land, and although made indolent through the prodigality of the soil, still they are good citizens, and peaceful when their rights are not tampered with.

Cuba is bound to be the greenhouse of eastern North America, for with the climatic conditions that exist there, the ease with which produce can be forwarded to New York and other ports by water, and eventually by railroad, from every point in the island through Havana (without unloading the cars) over the ferry to Key West, there certainly will be a great trade in those vegetables, etc., which can be raised to ship in the winter season to the North.

Then in the line of tropical fruits Cuba will certainly give California a great race for supremacy in the Eastern markets. Already grapefruit from the island has the preference in the New York and Boston markets, when price is an indication of value. And the low rates, as compared with those from California, will give the Cubans excellent returns from their orchards. A Mr. Jackson, of Canet, Cuba, from trees but three years old sold three boxes of grape fruit per tree.

A Dr. Dodge, of Vermont, sold \$1000 worth of fruit from two acres of his Cuban land. He sold his fruit in New York at from \$3.50 to \$6.00 per box. Some fruit from LaGloria has sold as high as \$8.12 1/2 per box, and a man at Riverside received last year about \$600 per acre from his citrus fruits. But the record price for single boxes of grape fruit was received by the manager of the Cuba Land & Steamship Co., over \$10 per box.

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Ulysses R. Perrine.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 8, 1910.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Vermont.—Mr. Park:—I wish to tell you how much I appreciate your Magazine. I love flowers and greatly enjoy the articles about them, also the letters and answers to questions. Even the Children's Corner I find of interest. I live alone with my little boy, and have lots of flowers in my yard in summer-time. I love to be out early in the summer mornings to see the dew sparkling upon the flowers and hear the birds singing. Postals exchanged.

Angel O. Lanpher.

North Troy, Vt., Jan. 14, 1911.

From Missouri.—Mr. Park:—I have received your Magazine for a long time, and like it very much. I love flowers and enjoy reading about them. I am anxious to get to Texas, and would be glad to hear from some who live there regarding crops, climate, etc. I live on a farm, and wish to go on a farm there. **Mrs. A. Welz.**

Creve Coeur, Mo., R. 27, B. 27, Jan. 20, 1911.

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Mrs. Cora A. Matson Dolson.

Floridaville, Cayuga Co., N. Y.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 11 years old and live in town. Mamma takes your Magazine and likes it very much. I got a club of subscribers and received the little Swiss clock. I am very well pleased with it. It keeps good time. I would like to get some more subscribers to get something else. Mary Miller.

Magnolia, Ohio, Box 141, Jan. 14, 1911.

Note.—Any little boy or girl can readily get 10 subscriptions for the Magazine at 15 cents each, each subscriber to get 10 packets of seed, either vegetable or flower, and the Magazine for one year. For such a club I will send either a Swiss clock or a handsome nickel-plated watch, by mail, prepaid. How many shall I hear from this month?—Ed.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 12 years old and go to school. I like to read the little letters from the boys and girls. Mamma has a good many beds of flowers. I received the watch for the club of subscribers and am very much pleased with it. At my uncle's, the other day, my little cousin let it fall, but it did not break. It keeps good time. Postals exchanged. Carrie Miller.

Magnolia, Ohio, Box 141, Jan. 18, 1911.



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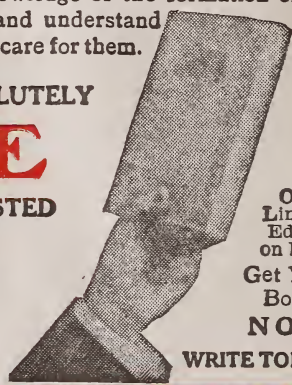
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CORRESPONDENCE.

From Rhode Island.—It seems so social to see letters in the Magazine from all over the United States, and I enjoy them. We have had colder weather in little Rhode Island this winter than usual. Our home was in Wisconsin till five years ago, when we sought a warmer climate. The summers here are delightful. We had over 2000 bushels of apples last year, and fruit of all kinds that grow in the temperate zone do well here. Providence has one of the best markets in the United States, and fine macadamized roads. But we find the winters in Cuba even more delightful than the summers here. The air there is so balmy, and the Grape Fruit and other tropical fruits are so delicious. The American Colony is just across the bay from Nuevitas, an ideal location, with fine shipping facilities, a main factor in shipping fruit. The Roses in my garden there were as fine as any I ever saw in a greenhouse in the North, and Tuberoses and Cannas grow so freely. Things fairly jump into the air, they grow so fast. I hope to visit Oregon some time, and would be glad to hear from some of the flower-lovers who live in the Pacific coast states, who feel satisfied with the climate and country there. Mrs. C. H. Putnam.

North Scituate, R. I., R. 2, Dec. 26, 1910.

From California.—Mr. Park;—I am a reader of your Magazine, and I think it is just grand—such a collection of good things 12 times a year for only 10 cents. I want to tell you how much I appreciate your article on tobacco in a recent number. The denomination I represent does not use tobacco in any form whatever. We stand for all reforms, and are doing reform work all over the world. May God bless you in your labor of love for mankind. Mrs. Alice E. Pierce.

Sonoma Co., Cal., Dec. 19, 1910.

From Arkansas.—Mr. Park;—I am a boy 19 years old, and live in the Boston Mountains, Arkansas. We have a variety of natural scenery, high mountains whose sides are covered by some of the finest timber in the United States; beautiful valleys in which grow almost all temperate zone plants; and streams that are filled with many kinds of fish. This is surely the fisherman's and hunter's Paradise. Its beauty is beyond description. There is a good school here and many young men and women attend it. Postals exchanged. Geo. B. Curtis.

Mt. Judea, Ark., Dec. 5, 1910.

MAGAZINE APPRECIATED.

Mr. Park.—You don't know how much I appreciate your Magazine, not only for cultivating flowers, but all of the subjects you write about I have taken it for more than twenty years, and it's getting more interesting every month.

Mrs. L. L. Morrison.

Sierra Co., Calif., Nov. 29, 1910.

Mr. Park.—My sister "Miss Clara Folmsbee" came to live with me last spring, and when I started to make my flower beds she said, "Now there is just one thing you need yet and that is Park's Floral Magazine," so she sent for it and I have found it "a friend in need" a good many times during the past season, and I heartily thank you for your assistance. I enjoy the letters from the flower lovers very much. Mrs. C. M. Herkimer Co., N. Y., Nov. 22, 1910.

Mr. Park:—I enjoy your Magazine. There is something about it that carries me back to my childhood days. Can it be that I saw and read it then? Its voice is a song of flowers, poetry and birds—just what in life, I love. When I am very weary or sad, I take up your Magazine and commune with the pure in life. Lauretta Napp.

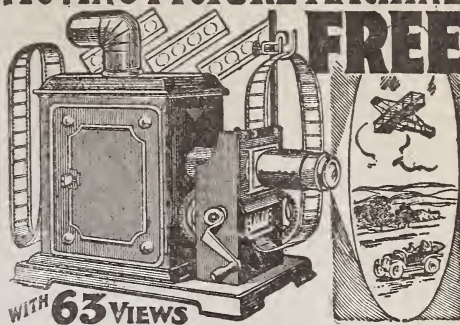
Schuykill Co., Pa., Nov. 13, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have enjoyed every number of the Floral Magazine in the last year. It is a little jewel. Mrs. J. G. Smith.

Oneida Co., N. Y., Feb. 21, 1910.

Plants Named.—Mrs. Wood sends two specimens to name. One is Begonia Weltoniensis, and the other Mesembryanthemum.

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A friend takes the Editor to task for deerying the evils of Tobacco, and at the same time inserting advertisements which may be regarded objectionable, thus:

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[The Editor does not go around looking for motives, and he has no objection to anyone using tobacco or intoxicants, so long as it affects only the user. But he does object to the ungentlemanly user who has no regard for the comfort or rights of others. When returning from Florida last month, a man and his wife came into the Pullman car and occupied the section room in front, entered by a door opening from the body of the car. He fastened the door open and proceeded to smoke practically all the time, the fumes coming out and filling the car, to the great discomfort of the passengers. And in a day-coach, later, a man holding a seat in front of mine came from the smoking room, bringing with him such a nasty, filthy stench of tobacco that I found it necessary to remove to another seat. These are but samples of the unpleasant effects of the filthy tobacco habit.

Now, as to the advertisements of tobacco cures I would say that none of my "immediate family" use the weed. If they did I would not hesitate to recommend or administer any antidote that promised relief. Such antidote could certainly be no more poisonous or detrimental than the weed, for we are told that a single drop of nicotine will kill a dog. And it would certainly be less filthy. If tobacco users would use the weed secretly, and so those around did not know it or be affected by it, it would matter but little to others. The same may be said of the liquor habit and its antidote.

As to the advertisements in other publications, I have only this to say: Park's Floral Magazine could not retain its immense subscription list if it accepted ads of tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, pipes, whiskey and beer, such as many so-called reputable periodicals publish in their advertising columns. The advertisements of fire-arms, and the lower order of medical nostrums are also excluded. The value of medicines is largely a matter of opinion. Some believe in Alopahy, some in Homeopathy, while some do not believe in medicines, but employ an Osteopath. It is a fact that many patent medicines and appliances have been a source of great good to humanity. As a rule they are worthy of commendation rather than condemnation.—Ed.]

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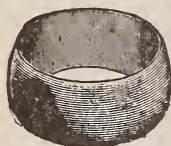
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CATS AND BIRDS.

Mr. Park:—I like cats but think there should be a law on stray ones, and also on people who carry cats and kittens away from home to let them care for themselves. How much more humane it would be to drown or chloroform them than to throw them away to starve. We have kept two cats tied up for several summers, and they are fat and comfortable. We have plenty of birds.

[Note.—If the cats were thus secured in a tree of cherries, we would not hear any complaints about cherry birds, as the birds would avoid the tree.—Ed.]

Do folks know, who keep dogs, that they will eat birds and eggs. I have seen them hunting the grass and bushes through carefully for the nests; hens will eat eggs, too, when they find them. The poor birds have enemies enough, do all we can.

Agnes Davis.

Mich. Nov. 20, 1910.

A Handsome Fern.—I have a Fern that for years has been the admiration of my friends. It is on a pedestal five feet high, and a number of the fronds almost touch the floor. It is of symmetrical shape, drooping down all around, like a fountain. It is eight years old. Many persons have told me that they never saw its equal, even in large greenhouses. I also have a perfect specimen of *Kentia Palm* and some exquisite plants of *Asparagus plumosus*.

Indiana Co., Pa., Oct. 20, 1910.

F. K.

"WHY LEAVE THE FARM."

[Dear Mr. Park:—I feel that "Ima," in January Magazine, has not pictured farm life fairly under the above heading, hence the following verses. Anyone who knows farm life today, knows that such things as she describes do not exist on the average farm. I have been a farmer's wife for 20 years—always a farmer's daughter, and I write truthfully from experience.—Mrs. D.]

Let us pity the woman who wrote the reply
To why leave the farm, and the clear country sky;
If she's lived such a life a-down on the farm
As she tells us in words of poetical charm,
She surely has sprung from the old ages dark,
Or been a left-over, from out Noah's Ark.
For, long ago, farmers, to save each day,
Learned to use of the best in every way.

Now where will you find in the hand-painted bowl
The large, luscious apples, that gladden the soul?
The inferior ones, why, they're left by the way
For the swine to devour, hence, they help to pay.
And the earliest berries, fresh vegetables, too,
Find their way to the table, belonging to—who?
Ah, yes, these are facts which we will not scorn,
'Tis the farmer's full board that they always adorn.

If potatoes are cooked, then warmed over twice,
You'll find there is something quite wrong with the wife;

And if I was that farmer, I'd run for dear life,—
Till I'd reach the courthouse, and divorce her for life,
Then I'd get me another—the average we'll say,
Who'd serve them up differently, at least twice a day.

And the thick Jersey cream, from the wide pitcher poured,

Do you find it elsewhere, but at country board?
Not only in the coffee, which invites helpings, two,
But on the baked apples, and sweets not a few.
Then the rich golden butter, you make if you please,
Or just phoque to the creamery, and thus take more ease.

Who gets the best eggs from the Rhode Island flock?
The farm breakfast answers about six o'clock;
For there's the full egg platter, with bacon galore,
You know bacon and eggs are high-priced at the store,

But what cares the farmer—the best is his food,
He cannot improve on the best, if he would,
With French-fried potatoes crisped to a light brown,
A more toothsome breakfast could hardly be found.

What farmer's wife wrangles some change to possess,

When her pocket-book bulges with change—and no guess!

And as for the flowers, she has her own way,
For they cost but a trifle, and she has the pay.

The shrubs and the vines and the beautiful flowers
Adorn the home yard and make sweet shady bowers.

So let us delight in the things that we claim,
And praise the old farm, nor the farmer defame;
If we reckon our blessings throughout day and night,

We will wonder so many were lost to our sight,
And that freedom has no where such glory and charm.

As in the dear country, 'way down on the farm.
Cass Co., Mich., Jan. 16, 1911. A Farmer's Wife.

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Mechanicstown, O., May 17, 1910.

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A rose bud I beheld.
And viewed with those around it,
It could not be excelled.

With leafy stem I plucked it.
For my Valentine so fair.
And told it to express my love
To the maid with golden hair.

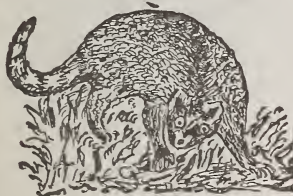
Glen B. Miller, Age 14.

Columbus, Ind., Jan. 16, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little farm girl, eight years old. I go two miles to school. Mamma takes your Magazine, and we are going to have a big bed of flowers next summer—Cosmos, Dahlias, Asters, Pinks, Pansies, Tulips, Crocuses and Hyacinths.

Loretta Horihan.

Houston Co., Minn., Jan. 16, 1911.



Vine Hill, Cal., Nov. 27, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 14 years old, and live on a small farm on the bank of Farm River. It is a quiet stream in summer, but noisy in spring when the ice breaks up. I love music and flowers, and have a large collection of flowers. My Roses, shrubby and Dahlias are beautiful. Postals exchanged.

Lida M. Spencer.

Turnerville, Ct., Dec. 16, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a Hoosier, 14 years old. I go five miles to a high school each morning. I love flowers and music and enjoy reading. My choice flowers are Roses, Violets and Sweet Peas. I have a Violet bed consisting of California, Hardy English and Swanly White. I set them out last spring. There is a picket fence on the north and east side, and a large Snowball bush on the west. Mamma has taken your Magazine quite a while, and it is a welcome caller.

Ruth D. Sanders,

Lawrence Co., Ind., Oct. 3, 1910.

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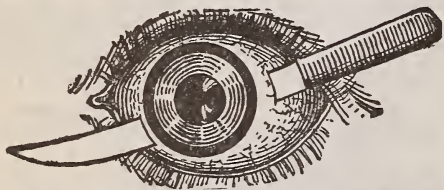
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R. J. Eads.

Jasper Co., Mo., Jan. 16, 1911.

Birds and Cats.—Mr. Park:—Every night two Mocking birds sing in our trees. I wish you could hear them. It would make your heart glad. Once we had nine nests of Mocking birds in our trees, and our neighbor's cats ate the young birds. I would set my three dogs on the cats when they appeared, but in spite of my care they got away with the birds. I never knew my cat to catch a bird. I think if cats are well fed, they will not become bird-cats.

Mrs. C. N. Magee.

Parish St., Mary, La., Oct. 13, 1910.

Note.—There are many Mocking birds in Florida, and the Editor has very pleasant memories of their song medley, with the accompanying delightful surroundings. It is to be regretted, however, that these, as well as other song birds are becoming scarcer there because of the hunter, the grudging gardener, and the introduction of numerous cats. The people of that State, as well as of other States, need stringent bird-laws to prevent the free destruction of their song and insectivorous birds.—Ed.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

MUSIC'S TOUCH.

How sweet the touch of music!
It magnifies our pleasure,
It soothes us while we rest:
It cheers the heart in sadness,
And lifts the soul oppressed!

Stronghurst Ill. Dec 13 1910 Lena C Ahlers.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farmer's girl, eight years old. Mamma takes your Floral Magazine. I love flowers. I have a little banty hen, and she has five chickens about big enough to sell. I have five cats and one dog. I like birds. I have one brother 21 years old, his name is John. He also, loves flowers. Goldie Field.

Saint Clair Co., Mo., Dec. 4, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park.—I am a farm boy of ten years. My grandmother has taken your Magazine for three years. I like to read it very much. I love flowers and birds. My favorite flower is the China Aster. My mother has a few house plants. Postals exchanged. George Frase.

Sigourney, Ia., R. F. D. 3, Box 31.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a Kentucky farm girl, 14 years old, and am always glad when your Magazine comes. I go to singing every Saturday night. I have a pet lamb named Sambo, that will eat from my hand. Postals exchanged.

Lela Snoddy.

Glasgow Junction, R. R. 1, Ky., Nov. 8, 1910.

EVENING.

Now the sun is setting.
And the sky is red:
'Tis growing darker, darker,—
Time to go to bed.

So get you ready, children;
And you, dear little Fred,
Pull off your little stockings
And jump into your bed.

Nettle Samuel. (age 8 years.)

Hickman Ky. Nov. 24, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl of 11 years, and live at the edge of Harrisburg. We have a cat, chicken and dog. The dog plays many tricks. The chicken comes in every morning for her bread and milk. Then Mamma gives the cat a dish, too. If the chicken tires they exchange dishes. Postals exchanged.

Hannah Snedeker.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sta. No. 3. Nov. 16, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farmer's daughter, 22 years old, and have been a reader and admirer of your Magazine for a long time. I enjoy country life, and take an interest in the farm work. I am also fond of flowers, and had a fine display of Petunias the past season until after frost. I will exchange postals with all who wish.

Mary Johnson.

Unionville, Iowa, R. 4, Nov. 24, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I appreciate your Magazine, and your views on the cat and bird problem. But do you not think it is God's will that cats should catch birds, or they would not do so? I think it is ten times worse for women to wear birds upon their hats than for cats, that do not know better, to catch birds. Postals exchanged. I am 15 years old. Myrtle McCracken.

Rockland, Mich., Dec. 7, 1910.

[Ans.—Of course it is worse for people, endowed with reason, to destroy their natural friends, than for the dumb brute to kill the useful for food. Then, too, flowers and ostrich feathers are so much more handsome as trimmings than little dead birds, that there is no excuse for such slaughter. But it is well known that animals, as well as people, do things that they should not do. Some men lie, some steal, and some commit murder, but they are the exception. Likewise, not all cats are bird-cats. Only those of bad habits are, and these, like the murderer should receive capital punishment. It is not for the general good that the murderer of the good and useful should live, even though their habits are apparently natural, and inborn. The source of such misdemeanor should not, however, be charged to the Good Being. Such charge is blasphemy.—Ed.]

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A VALENTINE.

I send these fragrant Roses,
Love's kiss upon the cheek,
To greet my lovely valentine—
Her love and heart to seek.

Cumberland Co. Pa., Jan. 16. 1911. Ola Osmond.

Flower Beggars.—The flower beggar is a severe trial that is here to stay. I know one who is fond of flowers and keeps close guard of her purse. She will enter a large flower garden, and not one variety will escape her covetous fingers. Then she will begin to gather a huge bouquet of all kinds of flowers, saying she might as well have them as to let them go to waste. It is with a sigh of relief we see her arms full, and her smiling face turned homeward.

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ABOUT DOGS. ETC.

Dear Mr. Editor:—I am reaching far out across many States to shake hands with the "Cranky Old Bachelor" from Florida. He is to be congratulated on his excellent views in regard to cats, poodles, etc. What he says on the "poodle-dog" question is of especial interest to me. How a married woman can spend so much valuable time on an ugly little pug nose dog, when there are scores of poor little waifs wasting away for lack of a home and a little mothering which above all else is essential to them, is beyond my comprehension. Or if the child does not waste away, he does that which is far worse perhaps, he goes astray for the lack of good home influence. Better were he to die before seeing the light of day than to go through this world unloved and unlovely, and down to his grave a pauper.

None but the woman of means can afford the well-groomed, well-fed, be-ribboned little animal upon which is lavished so much affection even to silliness. It is truly nauseating to the sensible on-looker. Why not, you fine, broad-minded American woman, you who are so capable and well equipped, why not, I say open your eyes and increase your ability by endeavoring to attain the bigger and better and nobler things in life. Time is far too short to waste upon trivial things.—

"Though yesterday we failed to see
The urging hand and earnest face
That men call opportunity.
We failed to know the time or place
For some great deed, what need we fret?
The dawn comes up a silver gray;
The golden moments must be met;
Make this a day."

I who am fond of dogs in their place, am pleased to sign myself,

A "Cranky Old Bachelor"—Girl.
Walsenburg, Col., Jan. 10, 1911.

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Guthrie City, Ia., Nov. 21, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—Mamma has taken your Magazine for five years, and I like it very much. I have a pet dog named White Tip. It is black and white. Josie Burnside.

Haines, Oregon R. 1. Box 72., Nov. 16, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a boy of 12 years, and like birds and animals. I have a shepherd dog that hauls me. We have a cow, and I milk her every day. Postals exchanged. Rufus Colby.

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Mrs. C. M.

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Geauga Co., Ohio. Dec. 12, 1910.

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Thea Zohsgard.

Walworth Co., S. Dak., Jan. 16, 1911.

City Life.—It is rumored that the Buick Automobile plant is to be removed from Flint, Mich., to Detroit, the cause for this move being given that skilled workmen are hard to keep in the smaller city, as they prefer the attractions of the metropolis. When will our people see that the great city can offer nothing to compare with the joy of nature in the "great world of out-of-doors?"—W. Perrine, Detroit, Mich., Jan. 15, 1911.

Note.—It is unfortunate that many who are employed in factories find their greatest enjoyment in life in the saloon, smoking, drinking, playing pool or billiards or cards, and attending the theatre, the dance hall, and other places of amusement. Those who habitually seek such amusement are not generally interested in country life or nature's beauty. When they do go to the country it is generally with a gun, and their first questions are, "How is bird-shooting? Is there much game?" They go on an errand of destruction. "The boy is father of the man," and when the boy has his mind trained to admire and love nature in her various forms, then will the evil habits and customs of our people change. The parents and school teachers have a big work to perform in this line, and the nation itself should give more attention to evidences of peace than evidences of war.—Ed.]

The Poems.—Mr. Park: I wish to speak of the poems in our Magazine. They are splendidly composed, and have a true meaning in every line. I enjoy them greatly. I wish the Magazine came twice a month. Mollie McKinnan. Taladega Springs, Ala., Jan. 16, 1911.

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BRIEF ANSWER.

Daphne Cneorum.—The shrub of which Mrs. Simmons, Mo., asks the name, is *Daphne Cneorum*. I have one in my garden. It is an exquisite little thing. Miss Amanda Stevens.

South Lee, Strafford Co., R. 1, N. H., Dec. 17, '10.

White Agapanthus.—This is just like *Agapanthus umbellatus*, except that the flowers are white instead of blue. It is a sport from the species.

Tuberous Begonias.—These are summer-blooming plants, and the tops die down in Autumn. The soil may then be dried off, and the pots set in a dry room having a general temperature of 50 degrees. If preferred, the tubers can be taken out when matured and dry, and packed in sand in a cool place. Early in Spring repot the tubers, water, and start growth for another season's flowers.

Pests.—The best remedy for plant lice is tobacco smoke. It should be confined about the plant by placing a box over, or a paper tent. To keep the lice away put over the soil chopped tobacco stems. To get rid of scale insects rub them loose and sponge the stem and leaves with hot quassia-chip tea. This is also the best remedy for mealy bug. For red-spider syringe freely with kerosene emulsion, made by adding a spoonful of kerosene oil to six quarts of soap suds. Apply with a syringe while hot.

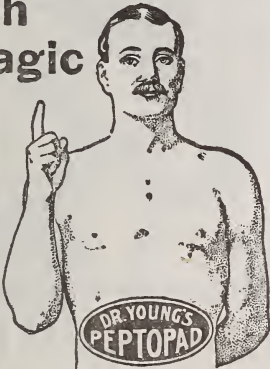
Gloxinias.—These tubers should be ordered and planted early in the spring. They require a loose, porous soil, and the tubers should protrude above the surface of the soil. When watering, avoid filling the cavity with water, as it will cause the sprouts to damp off. After pottling, water the soil, but keep it barely moist until the plants begin to grow. Give them a rather cool, moist place at first. If kept in a dry, hot atmosphere, they will sometimes remain dormant.

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CHARLOTTE K.

You are wise to avoid the electric needle. It is a dangerous operation, and besides being painful often leaves severe scars. I have frequently stated in these columns that it is better to endure the annoyance than to suffer the pain of the electric needle. I have also warned inquirers against depilatories, which are worse than useless because they cause the hair to grow out thicker than before.

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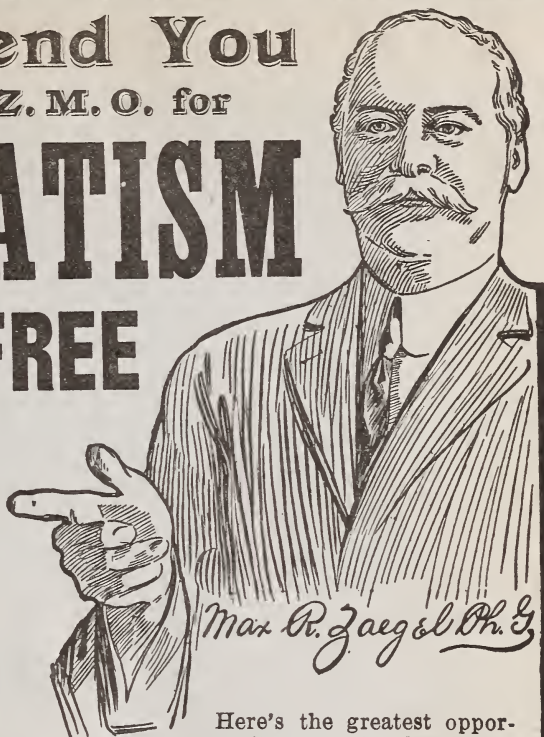
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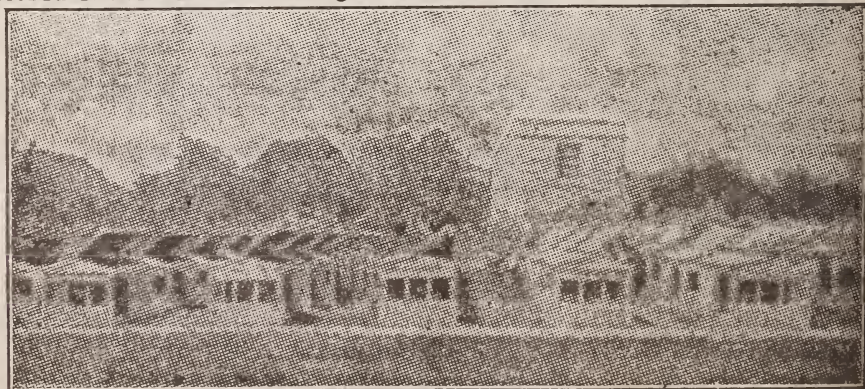
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